Designed by MR. MILTON B. MEDARY, JR.

The Defenders' Gate, Valley Forge.
Entrance to the Washington Memorial Cemetery.

A National Monument to the Defenders of the Union—The Heroes of Three Wars and the Patriots of the Republic.

THE DEFENDERS' GATE, VALLEY FORGE.

This design has been made for the gate to the Washington Memorial Cemetery at Valley Forge. It corresponds with the "Cloister of the Colonies," a short distance away, and will be one of the noblest monuments on this sacred spot. It includes the gateway, waiting room and superintendent's lodge. These will be built in the most substantial manner befitting a memorial of national importance.

MEMORIAL OF THE DEFENDERS OF THE UNION.

The gate will be built in memory of the Defenders of the Union.

That such a memorial is fitting no one can question who knows what Valley Forge is in American life and progress. At the time of the Albany Congress, as far back as 1754, Benjamin Franklin was working for the union of the Colonies. In his Pennsylvania Gazette appeared a rude cut of a snake whose dissevered parts represented the Colonies, and under this

were the words, "Unite or Die." When the American soldiers marched up the Gulph Road to Valley Forge they were the armies of Virginia, Massachusetts, Pensylvania, etc. When they marched across Sullivan's Bridge they were the Army of the United States of America. Here the Declaration of Independence which proclaimed a new empire was realized first in a united army.

The gate will occupy a commanding site in full view of the course taken by that united army, whose efforts resulted in a free and united people.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S VALLEY FORGE ADDRESS.

One phase of the relation of the men of Valley Forge to the Defenders of the Union was set forth in the address made by President Roosevelt in the temporary Washington Memorial Chapel on Evacuation Day, 1904. He said:

"If the men of '61 had failed in the great struggle for national unity it would have meant that the work done by Washington and his associates might almost or quite as well have been left undone. There would have been no point in commemorating what was done at Valley Forge if Gettysburg had not given us the national right to commemorate it. If we were now split up into a dozen wrangling little communities, if we lacked the power to keep away here on our continent, within our own lines, or to show ourselves a unit as against foreign aggression, then, indeed the Declaration of Independence would read like empty sound, and the Constitution would not be worth the paper upon which it was written, save as a study for antiquarians."

"LEST WE FORGET."

This truth should never be forgotten. It should be graven on the hearts of our people. The children of our land should grow up in the knowledge of it. Let us then build the Gateway beyond which the soldiers of the Union will sleep in God's Acre. Let us build it to the "Defenders of the Union," that all who here tell over the price of suffering paid by the Men of Valley Forge for the blessings of national unity, may recall the price of suffering paid to preserve it forty years and more ago, and know full well that always there must be those who will at the cost of every selfish interest preserve it still.

THE CALL OF PATRIOTISM.

While all patriotic Americans should count it a privilege to increase the fund for the erection of this memorial gateway, we look to the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic to take the lead in this national work. That it may not be a burden on any comrade we are asking the Posts to give at least ten cents per member. As far as possible we want this Gateway to be a monument built by soldiers to the memory of their comrades in arms.

THE CORNER-STONE LAYING.

On Memorial Day, 1910, the corner-stone of the Defenders' Gate was laid with impressive ceremonies. These concluded with the national salute fired by Battery C, N. G. P.

Thus auspiciously the noble work has been begun.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of President Lincoln's First Call for Defenders of the Union.

On Saturday, April 15, 1911, the Fiftieth Anniversary of President Lincoln's first call for Defenders of the Union, we laid the first stones of the Lincoln Arch, as the noble archway of the Gate has been so well named. We did this in the belief that the noble army of patriots who obeyed the call of Father Abraham would not rest until the keystone was set in place in honor of the great American and of the men who worked and fought and died to save the Union.

MEMORIAL DAY, 1911.

Can there be a more fitting time than Memorial Day, 1911, for the dedication of the Lincoln Arch?

Let us set that date before us, and let us work with a will to have the Arch ready for dedication at that date. What we need is the money to buy the stone and pay the workmen. Less than $5,000 will be required to build the Lincoln Arch in a manner worthy of the wearers of the Blue.

"ATTENTION!"

The Roll Call of the Posts is now in progress. We ask each Post to give at least ten cents per member. In asking such a small sum we are counting upon the quick response of every Post, no matter how few the members.

We hope that some comrades will be willing to bring this patriotic undertaking to the attention of the fellow citizens, for many would be glad to have a part in showing honor to the men who have answered the last roll call, and to those who are listening for their names with hearts devoted to their country.

A Defenders' Certificate is sent to every Post or individual contributing one dollar or more for the erection of the Defenders' Gate, and the names are enrolled in the "Book of the Defenders," to be preserved in the Washington Memorial Library.

THE ROLL CALL OF HONOR.

The following Posts have already answered to the Call, and sent their contributions. Before you read this many others will have fallen in line. Do not be the last to respond. Remember the First Defenders have an honor all their own.

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Stevens Post, No. 69; Lt. Josiah White Post, No. 45; A. G. Reed Post, No. 105; George G. Meade Post, No. 1; Ellis Post, No. 6; Gen. S. K. Zook Post, No. 11; Hurst Post, No. 86; Lincoln Post, No. 140; G. H. Barnes Post, No. 175; Sergt. T. F. Elder Post, No. 507; Capt. John M. James Post, No. 556; Lieut. E. W. Gray Post, No. 312; Major Jno. B. Keenan Post, No. 500; Corporal McLean Post, No. 423; Robert Oldham Post, No. 527.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY.

William C. Berry Post, No. 85; C. K. Hall Post, No. 41; Winfield Scott Hancock Post, No. 107; Thomas M. K. Lee, Jr., Post, No. 5; U. S. Grant Post, No. 117; Q. M. Uzal Dodd Post, No. 12.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

Wm. H. Stevenson Post, No. 102; Genl. Shields Corcoran Post, No. 69; William McKinley Post, No. 203; Oliver Tilden Post, No. 96; Adam Wirth Post, No. 451; Henry Lee Post, No. 21; Ben. Marvin Post, No. 209; Winchester Post, No. 197; Louis M. Hamilton Post, No. 152; La Grange Post, No. 596; Craig W. Wadsworth Post, No. 417; Plumb Post, No. 493; J. D. O'Brien Post, No. 65; J. S. Stone Post, No. 352; John C. Fremont Post, No. 590; George H. Thomas Post, No. 4; Alfred M. Wood Post, No. 368.

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.

Stephen Baxter Post, No. 88; Spangler Post, No. 99; Sill Post, No. 57; Dennison Post, No. 251; Jos. H. Ingersoll Post, No. 444; Forest City Post, No. 556; Taylor Post, No. 116.

DEPARTMENT OF DELAWARE.

Admiral S. F. DuPont Post, No. 2; Genl. W. S. Hancock Post, No. 29.

MEMORIALS.

Individuals or societies desiring distinctive memorials will be glad to know that arrangements can be made to have their contributions take this form, all be-

ing a part of this monument. These memorials range in value from $300 to $10.000. All inquiries should be addressed to the Rev. W. Herbert Burk, Port Kennedy, Pa.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

All contributors are requested to make out their cheques to the Treasurer, Mr. Leslie Jefferis, Bridgeport, Pa. A list of all the contributions will be printed in the final report, a copy of which will be sent to each contributor.

NOTE.

Books and manuscripts relating to the history of America are desired for the Washington Memorial Library, Valley Forge. Pictures, maps, letters and relics illustrating all periods of American history are desired for the Valley Forge Museum of American History.

All articles, plainly marked with the donor's name, should be sent to the Rev. W. Herbert Burk, Port Kennedy, Pa., or to the Washington Memorial Library or the Valley Forge Museum, Valley Forge, Pa.

Is the history of YOUR regiment in this Library?

The following Resolution was offered by Past Commander-in-Chief Robert P. Beath at the Forty-fourth National Encampment at Atlantic City, and was passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic heartily approves the erection of the "Defender's Gate" at Valley Forge in memory of the men who defended the Union won by the "Fathers of our Country."